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# Longport Town Topics

March 2003

## Continuing a festive luncheon with the wearing of the green on March 12

With two luncheons a smiling success, Longport is now preparing for the last of the 2003 Midwinter Luncheon program. The final luncheon will be held March 12th from noon to 3 p.m. in the Centennial Ballroom located on the second floor of Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. If transportation is needed please call 823-2731 ext. 100 or 119 for more information.

The St. Patrick's Day luncheon will feature an Irish menu, including a house salad, corned beef with cabbage, ham and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, and rolls, all prepared by Maloney's Restaurant. Dessert will also be served courtesy of George Siganos.

The Sunshine Boys will be playing, and a special visit will be made by Mike Garvin and the South Jersey Ceili

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Many enjoyed Longport's Midwinter Luncheon 2003 series.

## Recent snowstorm blankets the Borough, Public Works Dept. and Volunteer Fire Dept. save the day

More than 1.5 feet of snow blanketed Longport over Presidents' Day weekend, but the powdery mounds did not cover the town's main streets for long.

Members of the Public Works Department were called in early to begin plowing the main roads and clearing side streets. The workers also made sure that all fire plugs were

cleared and that storm drains were open.

The crews worked all through the blizzard on rotating shifts of two hours plowing and two hours of rest.

Many workers settled in for the weekend at the public works garage located at 31st Avenue.

Members of the Volunteer Fire Department also spent several nights at the

firehouse so they would be readily available if an emergency occurred.

Many of our residents found it difficult to dig their way out of their homes and driveways due to the major snowfall.

One of the biggest requests phoned-in to Borough Hall was for the names and telephone numbers of local residents, especially teens, or contractors that would be

available for private snow removal. The Borough is requesting the names and telephone numbers of people and/or businesses that would be able to provide these services in the event of future snowfall. Those interested may call 823-2731 ext. 100 or 119, or E-mail their name and telephone number to [longport@acmail.aclink.org](mailto:longport@acmail.aclink.org).

## Seniors

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Band to perform some traditional Irish favorites. Other surprises are also scheduled for the afternoon.

Official forms of photo identification are being requested for various services more and more each day. In order to assist our senior residents, Atlantic County officials, including Longport's own Michael Garvin, will attend the March 12th luncheon and provide services for free photo ID cards. The photo identification cards can be used for those that do not have a driver's license or as a secondary form of identification. The service will be available to all interested guests that day. Please don't forget to bring your smile.

Space is still available for Longport seniors who wish to attend the upcoming luncheon. In order to RSVP for the event, please call 823-2731 ext. 100 or 119 before March 7th.

Sponsorships for the last luncheon are still available. Those interested may call 823-2731 ext. 100 or 119 for more information.

The Mayor and Commissioners would like to extend a special thank you to all of the luncheon sponsors, including: Premier Properties Real Estate Inc. (Premier Properties sponsored the entire St. Valentine's Day luncheon), Seniors Management Inc., Thomas Subranni Esq., Nancy Gilmore Philips Inc., CBA Engineering and Siganos Management Inc. for sponsorship and the St. Patrick's Day pastries. Also a special thank you to Fai's of Longport for providing additional tasty treats.

They would also like to extend a big thank you to the Longport Public Works Department and the Borough Hall employees for all of their help.

The Longport Midwinter Luncheon program for the year 2003 was supported solely by donations provided by sponsors.



**Monsignor Joseph P. Herron (pictured top right) opened the first of the midwinter luncheons with prayer.**



**Jerome DiPentino (left) and Angel DiPentino (center) of Premier Properties Real Estate, Inc. sponsored the St. Valentine's Day luncheon. Essi Blum (right) volunteers at the senior luncheon.**



**Borough Clerk Kathleen Hewson and Tony Lucidi (left) volunteer at the January luncheon.**



**Mayor Michael Cohen (left) and Commissioner William Fiore (right) welcome our luncheon guests at the St. Valentine's Day luncheon.**



**(Photograph right) Winnie Adams (left) and Ellen Cohen (right) volunteer at the January Midwinter luncheon.**



**Red heart balloons filled the room at the St. Valentine's Day luncheon February 12th.**

# Longport Volunteer Fire Department Looks To Purchase Rescue Pumper

After six months of research and planning the Longport Fire Department is ready to go out to bid for a new Rescue Pumper. In September of 2002, fire department officials began the process by looking at different apparatus manufacturers and their Rescue Pumper models. An apparatus committee was formed by Mayor Cohen consisting of the following members: Commissioner Fiore, Lefty Clayton, Dan Adams, Chris Ricciotti, and Dave Funk. The committee met on a regular basis to discuss the style and layout of the apparatus as well as particular factors including: engine size; pump size, water tank, etc.

For the past 15 years the Longport Fire Department has prepared long-range planning goals for the department particularly in respect to apparatus, equipment purchases, and building maintenance. This planning process includes a 1-year, 3 year, and 5 year plan goals. After the much needed purchase of our Quint Type Fire Apparatus (Ladder-Pumper) in 1999, the next major apparatus purchase would be a Rescue Pumper. In preparation for this future purchase, the Fire Department began to look at ways of consolidating apparatus and equipment. One of the first steps in this process was the sale of a 1982 Grumman Fire

Engine. This apparatus was sold to the Estell Manor Volunteer Fire Company in Atlantic County for \$ 25,000 in the summer of 2001. This would pave the way for us to reach our goal of purchasing a Rescue Pumper.

The next step was to take a close look at the Fire Department's responses and apparatus responding on emergency incidents. It was found that by consolidating more equipment on apparatus, the fire department could respond to certain types of incidents more efficiently and effectively. For example: the Fire Department's response to a motor vehicle accident includes an ambulance, Rescue Truck, and an Engine. With the purchase of a Rescue Pumper we will reduce the number of apparatus responding on these incidents to two instead of three. In par-

ticular the Jaws-of-Life is currently carried on the Rescue Truck, this piece of equipment would now be carried on the Rescue Pumper. Motor vehicle accidents also involve the potential for the vehicle becoming involved in fire or gasoline or oil spills coming from the vehicle. This hazardous situation the need of a charged hoseline, without an Engine on scene, personnel would be placing themselves into a hazardous atmosphere without proper protection.

In addition, the current standard for Fire Apparatus, NFPA 1901, requires all apparatus to have an enclosed cab to allow firefighters to safely respond to and return from responses. This also places personnel in a safe area during severe weather related emergencies and re-

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## Longport PD solves fraud case and stops burglary attempt

The Longport Police Department has been busy protecting the community.

Late January, Ptl. Michael Kornblau began investigating a case of potential credit card fraud. Kornblau discovered that more than \$30,000 had been charged to a resident's credit card account. The defendant was arrested and charged with several criminal counts including: theft by deception, tampering with records, credit card from another to defraud, fraudulently obtained credit card, impersonation and theft by unlawful taking.

On Feb. 14th, Ptl. Thomas Rocco observed two males acting suspiciously around 32nd Avenue in the

borough. Rocco then questioned what the two men were doing in the area.

Investigation revealed that the two brothers, Michael and Joseph C. Lombardi, both of Ventnor, had been arrested for possession of burglary tools, burglary and criminal attempt burglary. They were lodged at the Atlantic County Justice Facility pending further charges.

Rocco was assisted by Longport Ptl. Frank Culmone and Michael Kornblau and Margate Dets. Tim Kertz and Chris Koch. The suspects are also being investigated by several other local police departments.

- provided by the Longport Police Department

## Residents start Foundation for Thymic Cancer Research

Local residents Barbara and Alan Neibauer have dedicated their efforts to help patients with all forms of thymic-related cancers and malignancies by starting a thymic cancer research foundation. Members are being sought for the foundation, as well as tax deductible donations in any amount.

Thymic cancer is a rare type of cancer that affects the thymus, a small gland located beneath the breast bone. It is responsible for producing some of the white blood cells called lymphocytes, which help the body fight infections.

Barbara Neibauer recently battled the rare form of cancer and now would like to be able to help others that might be facing a similar situation.

Those interested in more information on the foundation may write to: the Foundation for Thymic Cancer Research at 1 N. 34th Ave., Longport, NJ 08403; by telephone (609) 823-6081; by e-mail at Membership@thymic.org. or by visiting the website www.thymic.org.



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lated responses. Currently, our Quint has an enclosed cab and our Engine does not, this places personnel outside of the apparatus exposed to the elements. With the new Rescue Pumper all responding members would be in a safer atmosphere.

By removing a majority of the Rescue Equipment from our current Rescue Truck we will open up space for additional hazardous materials equipment including containment and absorbent materials. By carrying this type of equipment on the rescue truck we will be able to respond quicker to these emergencies lessening the chance of serious damage to the en-

vironment. This additional space will also allow us to carry more equipment for water related emergencies.

With the purchase of this new Rescue Pumper we will be providing our responding personnel and residents with a safer and more reliable piece of equipment. The versatility of this unit will reduce the number of apparatus responding to particular incidents. A Rescue Pumper will provide the Fire Department with a state of the art apparatus capable of handling any type of situation.

Final approval for the purchase is scheduled to be held at the March 19th Commission Meeting at Borough Hall.

- provided by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department



Mayor Michael Cohen, Commissioner William Fiore and Commissioner John Murphy would like to wish everyone a very Happy Passover and Easter this year.

## Trash Notice

Trash regulations are being strictly enforced. All trash must be placed in covered cans. Residents interested in more information or for trash schedules may contact the Public Works Department by dialing 822-5759.

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